

REMARKS

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 12, 13, 17, 18, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Satya et al. (U.S. 6,528,8187) in combination with Stearns et al. (U.S. 5,715,385).

Applicants have cancelled claims 12, 13, 17, 18, and 21 without prejudice.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has stated that claims 19, 20, and 22-27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have rewritten claims 19, 20, and 22-27 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that all pending claims, including claims 19, 20, and 22-27, are now in condition for allowance so such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Should there be any additional charge or fee, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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